

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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Charles L. Howorth, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Howorth:


In order to assist the Authority in its review of BellSouth's Tariff 02-300, (Docket 02-01134), *Tariff filing by BellSouth to Obsolete Message Rate, Measured Rate and RegionServ Services and Morristown Area Calling Plan*, it is requested that responses be submitted for the following:

- (1) Provide the number of new subscribers by month for the past two years for (a) message rate service, (b) measured rate service, (c) Regionserv service, and (d) Morristown Area Calling Plan;
- (2) Provide the number of resold lines providing (a) message rate service, (b) measured rate service, (c) Regionserv service, and (d) Morristown Area Calling Plan;
- (3) Does BellSouth propose to continue offering message and measured rate service to qualifying lifeline customers? If not, please discuss;
- (4) Provide the number of lifeline customers subscribing to message and measured rate services;
- (5) Cite all statutory provisions allowing the discontinuance of basic local exchange telephone services;
- (6) Discuss the resulting and potential impact of obsoleting the measured and message rate local exchange services on the affordability of rates and universal service in the context of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-207(a);

- (7) In the context of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-208(a)(1), provide BellSouth's position as to whether obsoleting measured and message rate services lessens the quality of services in effect on June 6, 1995;

Please submit the requested information no later than October 21, 2002. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, contact David Foster at (615) 741-2901, extension 188.

Sincerely,

Joe Werner by David Foster 

Joe Werner,
Chief of Telecommunications

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